

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-4 and 6-10.

The drawings were objected to because CPU 124, mentioned in the description at page 6, line 3 was not shown in the drawings. A copy of the drawings is enclosed with CPU 124 identified. Review and approval of the proposed drawing correction is respectfully requested. In addition, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is also requested.

Claims 1, 5, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sorber. However, the Office Action goes on to state that claims 2-4 and 6-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Without agreeing to the correctness of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), Applicant is canceling claims 1 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the application. Applicant has amended claim 2 to include the subject matter of claim 1. Claim 5 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 1. Accordingly, claims 2-10 should now be in allowable condition.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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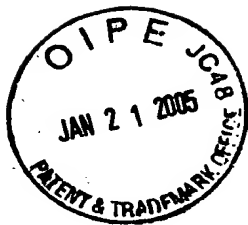
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In the Drawings

“Replacement Sheet(s)” is attached which include a clean version of amended Figure 4. The attached sheet replaces the original sheet including Figure 4.

“Annotated Sheet(s) Showing Changes” is also attached which include a marked-up version of Figure 4.

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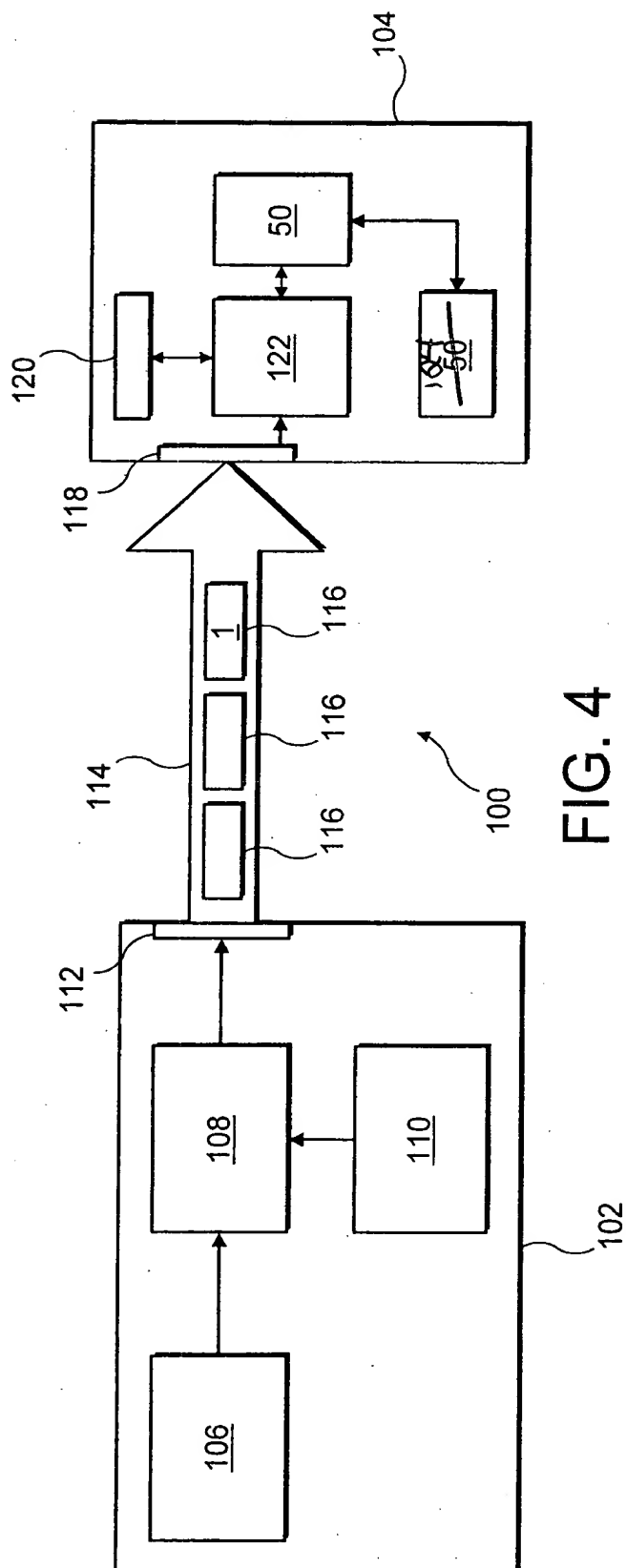


FIG. 4